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My name is Judith Nacca, and I currently teach in Regional School District 17, but my first decade of teaching was in New Haven Public Schools. Coming to a rural/suburban district that is 90% white deepened my understanding of the gross disparities in equity that plague our education system. I am writing today in support of Raised Bill 948, An Act Addressing Education Funding and Racial Equity.

I believe this bill must be passed. Funding inequities across and within our schools are preventing our students--particularly English Language Learners, students of color and children from low-income families--from getting the excellent education they deserve. Connecticut students have faced unprecedented hardship over the past year, and cannot wait multiple years to attend a fully-funded school. Such a bill would work to rectify inequities that ultimately impact all CT citizens, and move us forward in our efforts to reverse systemic racism.